

LITERATURE. REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

MEMOIRS OF THE FATHERS OF PROTESTANTISM AND OF CATHOLICITY, by Rev. Ferdinand C. Ewer, S. T. D., rector of Christ Church, New York. Published by D. Appleton & Co. Philadelphia Agent: D. Ashmead.

At the late meeting of the National Labor Union in New York, the tone of the discussions plainly indicated a waning confidence in the power of strikes. But what are trade unions without strikes? They are unions without weapons. When they forego the use of this instrument of aggression and defense, they are absent of all their power, and, like an expensive but useless toy, will soon be cast aside.

At the same convention the discussion indicated a co-operation in becoming the favorite plan for remedying the evils complained of. Now co-operation is certainly a much better thing than unions, for the control of industry and strikes; it makes no disturbance, it does not enforce or encourage idleness, it does not tyrannize and it does not cost money on orators and secretaries, processions and celebrations. It has this advantage, too, that those who engage in it will generally have shorter, cleaner, and more satisfactory experience than they are getting in their present school. This is the best that can be said of co-operation. As the means of elevating the condition of the workman, it will prove a failure. Now, it has already proved a failure: it is a mistake to suppose that it is a new discovery. I see that its records, older than the Christian religion, have been lately found. Had we no historical evidence on the subject, we might be sure, from the nature of things, that it is a discovery of the present age. Co-operation has often suggested itself to laboring men, and often been tried. But we need not speculate or go far back for facts. There is hardly a village of considerable size in played-out, the records, to this day, are held by one or more of the trades, and there is not one in a hundred of the trials that has not disastrously failed. In my own somewhat extensive experience it is not one that has lasted long enough to give it such established character as to entitle it to be called successful.

Co-operation has been tried in various fields. Fifteen or twenty years ago, New England, and especially New York, were the scene of a movement in which many of the most energetic of Christians of every shade of opinion should be directed, and while we doubt whether Dr. Ewer proposes an effectual remedy, we are forced to admit that his censures are in a great measure deserved.

anything to do with the responsibility of women. To our own master we stand or fall. We have already claimed to be the moral element in humanity. The claim was never made so loudly as it is now by our spokesmen. "Her right," says one of the most earnest, "is to minister unto in carnal things; her province is to minister in spiritual things." Another portrays venality disappearing from the courts, bribery from the halls of legislation, trickery from trade, so soon as her pure foot shall be admitted over the thresholds. "Evil strikes a way abashed before the steps of the ideal woman."

But the real? Men have a right, when claims like these are made, to demand their proof. We who boast of wide garments must show them white. How can we ask for the talents to be given to us, when we grow less and less able to hold to that one talent of purity committed to our keeping? Here is a reform more urgent than any which will follow suffrage yet women shut their eyes to the better fact, and busy themselves with the better fact, and busy themselves with the better fact, and busy themselves with the better fact.

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The most salient and apparent change in women, in the last few years (I do not say the deepest), is not advance in intelligence, marked as that may be, by the growth in purity, by the same author. Many of the same characters are introduced, and the story is full of exciting incidents and adventures. Oliver Optic's book is a story of travel and adventure, written in the peculiar style that has made his works so popular with juvenile readers.

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READING RAILROAD.—GREAT TRUNK LINE from Philadelphia to the interior of Pennsylvania, the Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Conococheague, and Washington Valleys, and to the Canada. Winter Arrangement of Passenger Trains, commencing on Monday, January 19, 1869. Trains leave Philadelphia at 7:30 A. M. for Reading and all intermediate stations, and return at 7:30 P. M. for Philadelphia.

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AUCTION SALES.

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